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AMENDMENTS

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IN THE TITLE:

Please amend the title as follows:

Machine Body Having an Upper Body Capable of Being Positioned at Any Angle of a Range of Angles

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Where claims have been amended and/or canceled, such amendments and/or cancellations are done without prejudice and/or waiver and/or disclaimer to the claimed and/or disclosed subject matter, and the applicant and/or assignee reserves the right to claim this subject matter and/or other disclosed subject matter in a continuing application.

1. (Currently Amended) A machine body comprising:
 - a housing;
 - an upper body ~~capable of being positioned at a range of angles relative to the housing;~~
 - and
 - a hinge comprising:
 - a support shaft connected to the upper body; and
 - a support block connected to the housing, the support block defining a hole, the support shaft passing through the hole and capable of moving through the hole, wherein the upper body is capable of being positioned at any of a range of angles relative to the housing due to friction between the support block and the support shaft.

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2. (Original) The machine body of claim 1 wherein the support block is rotatably connected to the housing.
3. (Currently Amended) The machine body of claim 1 wherein the hole [[is]] comprises a cylindrical hole and [[a]] the support shaft [[is]] comprises a cylindrical shaft.
4. (Original) The machine body of claim 1 wherein the area of the cross section of the support shaft is constant over the length of the support shaft.
5. (Original) The machine body of claim 1 wherein the material of the support block comprises rubber.
6. Cancelled
7. (Original) The machine body of claim 1 wherein at least one section of the support shaft tightly fits the support block.
8. (Currently Amended) The machine body of claim 1, wherein the housing comprises a multi-function peripheral.
9. (Currently Amended) The machine body of claim 1, wherein the housing comprises a scanner.
10. (New) The machine body of claim 5, wherein the material of the support block comprises polyurethane rubber.

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11. (New) The machine body of claim 1, wherein the support shaft comprises a cylindrical shaft and wherein the hole comprises a cylindrical hole.

12. (New) The machine body of claim 1, wherein the support shaft comprises a curved shaft and wherein the hole comprises a curved hole.

13. (New) The machine body of claim 12, wherein the support shaft comprises a curved cylindrical shaft and wherein the hole comprises a curved cylindrical hole.

14. (New) A method, comprising:
coupling an upper body to a housing via a hinge, wherein said coupling comprises
connecting a support shaft to the upper body,
connecting a support block to the housing, wherein the support block defines a
hole, and
passing the support shaft through the hole, wherein the support shaft is capable
of sliding through the hole, and wherein the upper body is capable of being positioned at any
of a range of angles due to friction between the support shaft and the support block.

15. (New) The method of claim 15, further comprising rotatably connecting the support
block to the housing.

16. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the hole comprises a straight hole and the
support shaft comprises a straight shaft.

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17. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the hole comprises a straight cylindrical hole and the support shaft comprises a straight cylindrical shaft.

18. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the hole comprises a curved hole and the support shaft comprises a curved shaft.

19. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the hole comprises a curved cylindrical hole and the support shaft comprises a curved cylindrical shaft.

20. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the area of the cross section of the support shaft is constant over the length of the support shaft.

21. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the material of the support block comprises rubber.

22. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the material of the support block comprises polyurethane rubber.

23. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the housing comprises a multi-function peripheral.

24. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the housing comprises a scanner.